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FOR EB/FTD PHELAN FROM JIRICH

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, HK, US

SUBJECT: US/HK NEW BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 31321

1. DURING COURSE OF TECHNICAL TALKS YESTERDAY WITH DC&I, MILLS RAISED QUESTION AS TO WHICH COUNTRY SHOULD REPORT NEW BILATERAL TO TSB, OR SHOULD BOTH COUNTRIES DO SO. MILLS SAID HKG HAD REPORTED EXISTING BILATERALS TO TSB IN VIEW OF THEIR BEING EXPORT RPT EXPORT RESTRAINT MEASURES, UNDER MFA ARTICLE 2, PARAGRAPH 1. MILLS FEELS (BUT IS OPEN TO ARGUMENT) THAT ON NEW BILATERAL MFA ARTICLE 4, PARAGRAPH 4, SHOULD APPLY AND, HENCE, BOTH HKG AND USG SHOULD REPORT BILATERAL TO TSB.

2. WE TEND TO AGREE WITH MILLS THAT BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD REPORT BUT WONDER IF REPORTING SHOULD NOT BE DONE ALSO UNDER MFA ARTICLE 2, PARAGRAPH 4. THE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT WE NEGOTIATE THE NEW BILATERAL TO BRING EXISTING BILATERALS INTO CONFORMITY WITH MORE LIBERAL TERMS OF MFA ARTICLE 2, PARAGRAPH 2 (II) AND THAT NEW BILATERAL
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IS NOT REALLY NEW IN THE SENSE THAT THERE WAS NOT A

BILATERAL PREVIOUSLY AS MFA ARTICLE 4, PARAGRAPHS 2,
3, AND 4 MIGHT IMPLY.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INTERPRETATION AND THOUGHTS
ON THIS AND, IF POSSIBLE, BY THURSDAY HONG KONG TIME.
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